

many reasons. I am wondering if when Mr. Reagan made his comments he had any genuine awareness of what he was saying and how people may have been feeling about this incident. When you place a value on certain people's lives and make their lives mean more than others, because they happen to lose theirs on television, it is, I think, a distortion of values and priorities. They made it appear that the only person who had a family was the teacher. The only one who had a town was the teacher. They had all these little children on television talking about their sorrow, talking about their agony, had a very young kid talking on one of the programs last night about how they ought to continue sending these flights, how he would like to be on one, and how is a child in a position to make judgements and decisions of that kind? But, nevertheless, children are subjected to these kinds of things. It is being exploited. It was a media extravaganza. And, contrary to what is being said about the nation being in mourning, the nation is reveling, the nation is reveling. If some member of this Legislature suffered a death in his or her family I doubt that every time somebody stood up on the floor of the Legislature they would describe the details of it and mention it over and over again and say I'm doing this because I'm sympathetic, because I have feeling for the family. Like so many things in America, a dollar sign value, a commercial value has been placed on this tragedy. And it's no longer a tragedy. It's an event. It's a thing and it's an opportunity. In the same way that others are using it to say what they want to say about national issues, life and death, heroism, example, I wanted to get my words in. I'm serious about that amendment. I think in view of the fact that the NASA program is devoted as much to commercialism as anything else, it ought to be added. In the same way that they prematurely tried to make the hostages in Iran heroes simply because they happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, or taken a foreign service job because they could make a lot of money with relatively little work, they had said on the floor of this Legislature they were going to make it a yearly or annual observance and I stood up and objected to it, and the thing has gone away and they never mentioned it again. As more information comes out on this flight, a lot of what is going to be said now, or has been said already, people will wish that they had not said it. I'm wondering about these green canisters that the people searching the area for debris have been told to touch under no circumstances because it